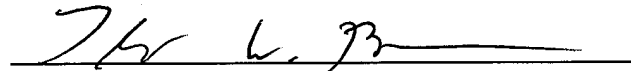


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide sequence identifiers. Applicants' amendments do not introduce new matter.

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to provide as a separate part of the disclosure, a "Sequence Listing" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. In addition, Applicants submit herewith the Sequence Listing in paper copy and on floppy disk in computer readable form. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the present application.

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